

Activities that relate primarily to Roads

Council's activities relating to Roading are:

Roading

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Roading is Waimate District Council's single most expensive activity, at \$2,434,000 out of total Council expenditure, of \$8,461,000, roading which represents 29% of our costs.

So why does Roading cost so much?

The Waimate District is geographically widespread and sparsely populated.

Each Waimate ratepayer pays for 330 metres of roading. This compares to Auckland 8, Christchurch 11, Timaru 81, Waitaki 148 and MacKenzie 233 (source Transfund New Zealand). The only ratepayers in NZ who pay for more metres of roading than Waimate, are the Chatham Islanders!

Because roading is such a big issue for Waimate, Council is undertaking a strategic review of our roading network. Research and community consultation will be undertaken to address many questions, such as:

- What types of roads do we have within our roading network?
- What service levels of maintenance are appropriate for each type of road?
- What will trigger the need to improve a road from one type to the next type?
- How much does each type of road cost to build and maintain?
- How can we plan road use for heavy traffic to promote most economic cost of roads, whilst supporting road safety?
- Where a particular user triggers the need for a roading upgrade, how can Council fairly share costs with the user?